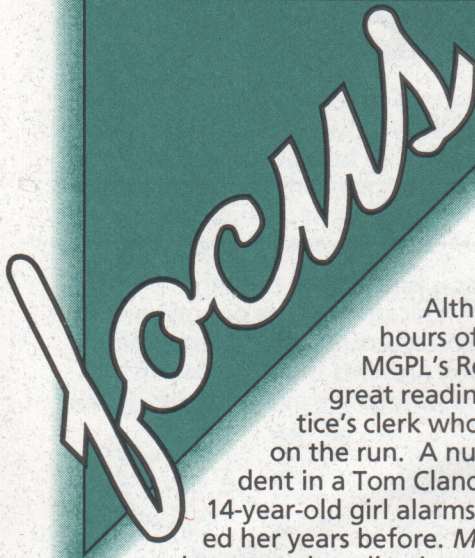




fo•cus (fō'kəs): a center of interest and activity

May - August 1997

Morton Grove Public Library

Summer Days the Perfect Time for a Good Novel

Although the days still have only 24 hours, they seem longer because of the additional hours of daylight. Summer always seems like the time to relax and enjoy a good book.

MGPL's Reader's Services Librarian, Roberta Johnson, has a few titles she is recommending for great reading this summer. *The Tenth Justice* by Brad Meltzer is about a Supreme Court justice's clerk who is conned into revealing the outcome of an upcoming decision, then finds himself on the run. A nuclear submarine disappears in the Arabian Sea in what appears to be a nuclear accident in a Tom Clancy read-a-like, *Nimitz Class*, by Patrick Robinson. In *Missing Pieces* by Joy Fielding, a 14-year-old girl alarms and angers her mother by disappearing on a search for the father who abandoned her years before. *MEG* by Steve Alten is not about an Irish lass, but a prehistoric mammoth shark that has started swallowing men and ships whole. In a moment of rage, an attorney murders his wife's lover, and decides to assume the man's identity and destroy his own in *The Big Picture* by Douglas Kennedy. Morton Grove residents may reserve these titles, by calling the Reader's Services Desk at 965-4220. For more suggestions, stop by the Reader's Services Desk; there are plenty of experts on hand to give you ideas.



See the city from a new perspective in the "Rise of the Skyscraper" at MGPL on May 21 at 7 p.m. See page 2.

Two Re-elected to Library Board

In the April 1 elections, two current Library Board members, were re-elected to six year terms. Estelle Cooperman, a trustee since 1973, says, "I would like to follow through on the projects we've already begun, including the ongoing book sale."

"For a small Library, Morton Grove is truly advanced in its approach with technology and the services provided," says Yvonne Ryden. Ms. Ryden is a retired schoolteacher.

The public is invited to attend Library Board meetings, held the second Thursday of the month at 7:45 p.m.

Take a Video Trip This Summer

The Library recently ordered 45 new non-fiction video titles, most of them travel related, so if summer travel is not possible, take a video trip.

From Maine to Alaska, sit back and relax with one of these travel features. Cruise to Bermuda or tour Canada's 21 national parks.

Look for a special list of these new videos coming soon to the shelves of MGPL.

Have a Hot Time With Sizzling Summer Fun, Adult Reading Club

Reading books and winning prizes are not just for the children's summer reading club. Adults can join in on the fun with their own summer reading program at MGPL, *Sizzling Summer Fun*. From **June 16 - August 29**, read books to enter our weekly drawing.

Sizzling Summer Fun also introduces a new service of the Morton Grove Public Library called MatchBook. After filling out a brief profile of

your interests, you will receive two personalized lists of new books, CDs, feature films, cassettes and books on tape. Everyone who joins the summer reading club is welcome to attend a book discussion session (**July 22 or August 26**) to share your finds.

The first 75 people to register for Sizzling Summer Fun will receive tickets to a concert at Ravinia Festival in Highland Park in conjunc-

tion with the Words & Music program of the North Suburban Library System.

Additional prizes will be given away after completing three or five categories, so get ready to read!

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

**Closed May 26, July 4
& Sundays May 25 - Aug. 31**

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

May

5/6	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
5/8	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
5/9	Fr	10:00	New Books Showcase
5/12	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: <i>Shine</i> (PG-13, 105 min)
5/13	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
5/20	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
5/21	We	7:00	Chicago Architecture
5/25	Su		Library Closed
5/26	Mo		Library Closed
5/27	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
5/27	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: <i>Moving Violations</i> by John Hockenberry

June

6/3	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/10	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/12	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
6/13	Fr	10:00	New Books Showcase
6/16	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: <i>English Patient</i> (R, 162 min.)
6/17	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/24	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/24	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: <i>The Color of Water</i> by James McBride

July

7/1	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
7/4	Fr		Library Closed
7/8	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
7/10	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
7/14	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: To be announced
7/15	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
7/22	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
7/29	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies

August

8/5	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
8/11	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: To be announced
8/12	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
8/14	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
8/19	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
8/26	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies

Programs

May

Rise of the Skyscraper – Rising from the ashes of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, Chicago had the opportunity to reinvent itself with a new architecture. A docent from the Chicago Architecture Foundation presents this slide lecture that traces the history of Chicago and its link to the evolution of the tall building. **Wed. 5/21 at 7:00**

Films

May

Shine (PG-13 105 min) Australian pianist David Helfgott had a promising career, but the iron fist of his Polish father, a Holocaust survivor, contributed to his breakdown and institutionalization. Today, Helfgott has triumphed over his dark time. **Mon. 5/12 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00**

Please note: Due to its Oscar nominations, *Shine* was not shown in April as previously publicized. The Library apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

June

The English Patient (R 162 min) When his plane crashes over the Sahara Desert during the final days of WWII, Count de Almasy (Ralph Fiennes) accepts the care of a nurse named Hana (Juliette Binoche) in an abandoned Tuscan monastery. While his body loses its grip on life, Almasy's memory begins to return, through flashbacks leading up to the accident. **Mon. 6/16 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00**

July & August films to be announced. Please call the Library after June 1 for more details.

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library at (847) 965-4220, TDD 965-4236.

\$475 Donated for "Snowflake" Books

During the Library's winter "Choose a Snowflake" gift fund drive, 18 new books were donated representing \$475 in materials. All books have bookplates noting the donor. The Library Board and staff wish to thank the following people for their generous donations:

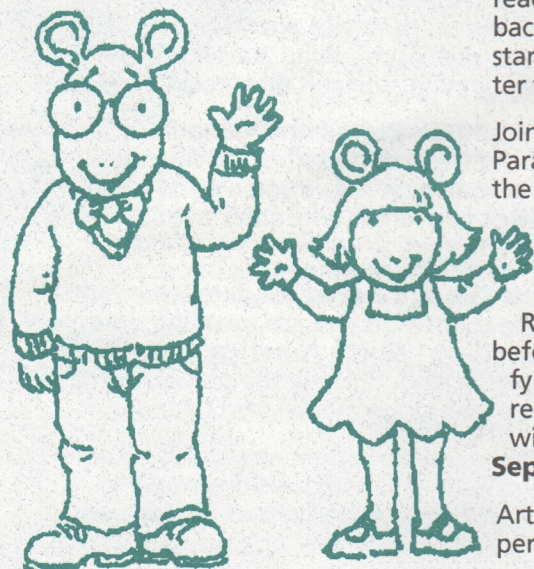
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Kids Programs

Join Arthur and the Gang for Summer Reading Fun at MGPL

Pick your favorite character from Marc Brown's adventures of Arthur and celebrate each month of the year (and a few extra events) in this year's Summer Reading Club at MGPL.

From *Arthur's Valentine* (February)



to *Arthur's Family Vacation* (August), follow Arthur, D.W., The Brain, Francine and all the gang.

Sign-up for the summer reading club starts **Monday, June 16**. Win prizes after reading and turning in reports for five or ten books, then after reading 15, pick out a free paperback book. If you finish 15 books, start again and choose a new character to win more prizes.

Join us for the Village's **July 4th** Parade, where we'll take Arthur on the road -- straight up Dempster St. through Morton Grove. Ask at the Children's Desk for more details.

Read as many books as you can before **Friday, August 29**, to qualify for great prizes in the summer reading club. Our Awards party will be held on **Saturday, September 6**.

Arthur and D.W. are used with the permission of Little, Brown & Co.

O.L.P.H. Wins 1997 Battle of Books Meet

Congratulations to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wrinkles team who took first place with 621 points in the 7th and 8th grade Battle of the Books. "Last year, they lost by one point to Parkview, so I think O.L.P.H. was really motivated to walk away as winners this year," said Assistant Children's Librarian Ronnie Rund.

The final scores were: Parkview Murfs, 586; Golf Hole-in-Ones, 425; East Prairie Looney Toons, 278.

Thanks go to the teachers and coaches from each school for the encouragement they provided.

Calling All Artists

Entries will be accepted through June 1 for the Library's 24th Annual Children's Art Contest. Morton Grove residents, preschool through 6th grade, may submit original artwork (any medium on unlined paper). Winning entries will be exhibited in the east stairwell throughout the coming year.

Explore Local Museums, Win Prizes With a Passport to Adventure

Traveling on a budget this year? Summer is a great time to explore some of the area museums and nature centers and most are free.

With the *Passport to Adventure* program, children ages 4 - 12 can visit up to 30 sites to earn prizes which include a one-time-use camera and processing from Moto Photo in Niles. Passport to Adventure is being co-sponsored by the Morton Grove and Niles Historical Societies and the Morton Grove and Niles Public Libraries.

To participate, pick up a *Passport to Adventure* booklet

in the Children's Department starting **Monday, May 26** and return it by **Sunday, August 17**. Each booklet contains the description, location, phone number, open hours, handicap accessibility, and admission fees (if any) of participating museums and nature centers.

At each location, children will be able to explore and participate in a hands-on activity. Passports must be stamped at each site to qualify for prizes.

Certificates and prizes will be awarded at the Summer Reading Club Awards party on **Saturday, September 6**.

Children's Classes

Summer session begins the week of June 16, 1997. Enrollment is limited. Morton Grove children whose names are on a waiting list will be given priority placement in the following session's classes. Enrollment for available openings begins June 2 for MG residents and June 9 for non-residents. Walk-in registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Phone registration will be taken after 9:30 a.m.

Library Playtime

for 2½ Year Olds & Parents

Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit - 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime

Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:

Monday 1:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit - 30

Stories & Stuff

Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit - 12

Please note the earlier starting times for Arts & Crafts and Creative Writing classes.

Arts & Crafts

Grades 1-3 Mon. 3:30 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 3:30 pm
Class limit - 15

Creative Writing

Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 3:30 pm
Class limit - 40

Library Favorites

Lunch Time Movies

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.** for Lunch Time Movies. Travel to faraway places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this 1½ hour video program.



Reference Round-up

If you are planning a trip this summer within the United States or Canada, but need a few ideas on where to go and what to see and do, the Library's Reference Department can help point you in the right direction.

To get started, the **1997 Traveler's Sourcebook** provides hundreds of contacts in 83 subject areas of interest to travelers. For example, there are contacts for train, bus, ship or trail travel. Addresses for local Chambers of Commerce, international embassies and park service agencies are given, as well as contacts for outdoor activities such as canoeing, kayaking, hiking and windsurfing. Half the fun is in the planning, and this resource is invaluable.

The **Cambridge Gazetteer of the United States and Canada** offers more than 12,000 up-to-date entries on cities, interesting sites and historical events within these cities. The **Weather Almanac** will give you a good idea of the temperatures and weather conditions you might encounter at your destination.

Be sure to check the **OAG Business Travel Planner** for detailed information on hotels and motels across the country. If you are traveling on a more limited budget, take a look at **Hostelling - North America: a Guide to Hostels in Canada and the United States**. Browse the pamphlet file for current travel brochures and maps of the United States and Canada.

Maybe traveling is secondary to your need to earn money or accumulate educational credits. Check the latest editions of **Overseas SummerJobs**, **Summer Jobs for Students** or **Vacation Study Abroad** for current information.

Whatever you plan to do, have a great summer!

New Books Showcase

Beyond the latest bestsellers, the Library staff presents New Books Showcase the second Friday of each month. Join us for a look at what's new. **Fridays 5/9 and 6/13 at 10 a.m.** **New Books Showcase will not meet during July and August.**

Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book group, meets **May 27** to discuss *Moving Violations* by John Hockenberry. The title for **June 24** is *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother* by James McBride. Roberta Johnson leads the group which meets the **fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.** **During July and August, join Thinking Out Loud for a roundtable discussion of books you have read. See Adult Reading Club, page 1.**

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